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1. WE CONCUR WITH BASIC THRUST OF UK PROPOSAL TO MOVE

SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV TO HIGH-LEVEL GROUPS ON OECD-LDC ECONOMIC RELATIONS (NORTH-SOUTH GROUP) AND COMMODITIES AND OTHER RELEVANT COMMITTEES OF OECD, AND TO ELIMINATE OECD AD HOC GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. WE AGREE WITH OECD MISSION THAT UNCTAD IV AGENDA TOPICS CAN BEST BE COVERED BY RELEVANT SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEES, AND THAT THIS WOULD ENSURE INTEGRATION OF UNCTAD PREPARATIONS WITH WORK IN OTHER FORUMS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT ALL UNCTAD IV ISSUES ARE ADEQUATELY COVERED BY OECD BODIES, OECD MISSION REQUESTED TO MAKE CLEAR TO OTHER MISSIONS AND TO SECRETARIAT US DESIRE TO INCLUDE ITEM ON PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV IN AGENDAS OF ALL RELEVANT OECD BODIES.

2. WE RECOGNIZE VALIDITY OF GENEVA MISSION'S CONCERN THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF ALL

PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV. WE BELIEVE NORTH-SOUTH GROUP AND XCSS, PLUS COMMODITY GROUP FOR COMMODITY ISSUES, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BODIES TO PROVIDE SUCH OVERALL REVIEW. CONSEQUENTLY, WE PROPOSE SCHEDULING NORTH-SOUTH AND COMMODITY GROUP MEETINGS AROUND EARLY FEBRUARY TO COORDINATE PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV PREPCON (SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD MARCH 8-19). WE WOULD EXPECT THESE MEETINGS TO FOCUS ON BROAD STRATEGY TOWARD UNCTAD IV; WE ALSO PROPOSE SCHEDULING XCSS MEETING IN EARLY APRIL TO PREPARE FOR UNCTAD IV ITSELF (WHICH IS SET FOR MAY 3-28). IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO PREPARE ISSUES FOR XCSS FOLLOWING MARCH TDB, NORTH-SOUTH AND COMMODITIES GROUPS MIGHT MEET AGAIN JUST PRIOR TO XCSS APRIL MEETING. OFFICIALS FROM CAPITALS AND GENEVA WHO ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN UNCTAD PREPARATIONS WOULD BE INCLUDED IN DELEGATIONS TO PROPOSED FEBRUARY AND APRIL MEETINGS.

3. WE ALSO CONCUR WITH GENEVA REGARDING NEED TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS AND ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO GAPS IN SUBSTANTIVE WORK UNDERWAY. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PERIODIC MEETINGS OF GROUP B REPRESENTA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIVES IN GENEVA, WITH PARTICIPATION OF OECD SECRETARIAT, COULD PERFORM THIS FUNCTION;

4; SHOULD OTHERS INSIST ON RETAINING UNCTAD IV ROLE FOR OECD AD HOC GROUP, WE SHOULD LIMIT ITS ROLE TO THAT FORESEEN FOR GROUP B GENEVA COORDINATION (ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS AND FILLING GAPS). WORK ON MAJOR STRATEGY AND SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS SHOULD NOW MOVE TO HIGHER-

LEVEL GROUPS PER PARAGRAPH 1 AND 2 ABOVE TO INSURE
ADEQUATE COORDINATION WITH CIEC; INGERSOLL

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